

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 377 without my signature.

Last year, I vetoed similar legislation intended to help provide farmworkers with better information about the companies with which farm labor contractors are contracting. While I maintain my support for the concept of helping farmworkers secure all wages owed to them, I am still concerned that this bill does nothing to bring unlicensed farm labor contractors and others who flaunt the law into compliance. Those who have not bothered to obtain the necessary licensure required by the state or otherwise comply with labor laws are highly unlikely to comply with this new requirement. As such, the only practical effect of this bill is to impose a new liability on farmers and growers who have lawfully contracted with licensed contractors. I cannot support such a measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger